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BRAZIL:* During his recent visit to Brazil, West German Chancellor Schmidt and his host apparently agreed that their troubled nuclear agreement will go forward, but on a more modest scale than originally planned. President Figueiredo reaffirmed Brazil's intention to implement current contracts, but refrained from promising to place contracts for the last four of the planned eight reactors. Higher costs, lower projected electricity demand, construction delays, and increased domestic criticism of the program make it extremely likely that Brazil will scale down its plans, and despite public disclaimers, Brazil will probably complete no more than four West German reactors by 1990.

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